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July 31, 2012

The Honorable Douglas E. Arpert United States Magistrate Judge Clarkson S. Fisher Fed. Building & U.S. Courthouse 402 East State Street Trenton, NJ 08608

Re:

Jacobson v. Synthes, Inc., et al.

Docket No. 11-CV-01160 (AET) (DEA)

Dear Judge Arpert:

As Your Honor is aware, our office represents the plaintiff in connection with the above-captioned matter. At this time, we write to request that the time to supply our liability report from Dr. Pattanayak be extended until this Friday, August 3, 2012. Dr. Pattanayak has inspected the surgical plate involved in this case and will be issuing a report regarding his findings. Pursuant to Your Honor's most recent Order, this report is due today. I apologize to the Court for the lateness of this request, however, we were not advised until this afternoon that Dr. Pattanayak has again taken ill and is unable to provide his report today.

Upon learning this information I contacted Mr. Covey for consent to enlarge the time to supply Dr. Pattanayak's report. Kindly, Mr. Covey consented to our request. Mr. Covey advises that he does not anticipate this extension impacting the timing requirements for the production of his expert reports. However, in the event they do, Mr. Covey reserves the right to make an appropriate application to Your Honor, with which we have no objection should such application become necessary.

Also, as a status update, plaintiff's report from Dr. Decter has been provided. Dr. Pattanayak's report is the only outstanding report owed to defense counsel.

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Therefore, it is requested that the time to provide Dr. Pattanayak's report be extended to August 3, 2012. As all parties consent to this request and no prejudice will result, it is respectfully requested that this extension request be granted.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Erik Anderson

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cc: David Covey, Esq.

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So Ordered this

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Douglas E. Arpert, U.S.M.J.